

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REV. ARTHUR
EVANS, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and self motivated man, Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

Mr. Arthur Evans, Sr., a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs, MS was born on December 26, 1940. He is the son of the late Mr. "Jim" Evans and the late Mrs. Mattie Pearl Evans.

Mr. Evans originally started in the pulpwood hauling business in 1955 trading in his personal car for a pulpwood truck. By 1966, he moved into the gravel business. The business was a huge success. However, being a successful black business owner in 1966 in Mississippi did not come without the horrible racial obstacles of that time.

Mr. Evans was faced with unjust stipulations in contracts that would have never been included if he were white. His truck drivers were constantly harassed and even told "they would continue to be pulled over unless they quit driving for this black man".

Despite the ridicule and malice aimed toward him and his business, Mr. Evans continued to press on as he would not be bullied by bigotry and racial hatred. During the apex of his successful trucking business, Mr. Evans had a fleet of up twenty trucks hauling each day. Now, 55 years later, since the purchase of that pulpwood truck, Arthur Lee Evans Trucking is still going strong.

The owner, as strong as ever, is now known as Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr., since being called into ministry in December, 2000.

Rev. Evans has been married to Mrs. Johnnie Mae Evans for 54 years and is the proud father of 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." by John Wesley, is the sentiments of the heart of Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dynamic and dedicated businessman, Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

HONORING MR. MARIO MURGADO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mario Murgado, an outstanding individual and someone who has become one of the most highly regarded business leaders in Southern Florida.

Mr. Murgado currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Brickell Motors

in Miami, FL. He began his career as a sales representative at a different car dealership, but quickly moved up the ranks. Working through sales, management, and finance, he eventually became President and CEO of Braman Imports. Throughout his career Mr. Murgado has been credited with reviving numerous dealerships in and around Miami, and helped transform them into top performers. Additionally, he has served as Chairman of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association and the American Honda National Dealer Advisory Board, and was a member of the General Motors advisory boards for marketing and fixed-operations dealers. Currently, he sits on the board of the South Florida Automobile Dealers Association.

Outside of his business, Mr. Murgado is an active member of numerous civic and community organizations. He served as finance chair for the commissioning of the USS *Gridley*, a guided-missile destroyer in the first naval vessel ever commissioned in Miami. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Thomas University in Miami, dual role at Miami Children's Hospital Board and Foundation and is Vice Chair, and he is also a member of the World President's Organization.

Throughout the years, Mr. Murgado has been consistently recognized for his achievements. He received the TIME Dealer of the Year award, awarded annually to only 60 dealers nationwide. He has also been awarded the American International Automobile Dealers Impact Award, and was an inductee into the Miami-Dade Hall of Fame. Over the years I have also had the privilege of getting to know Mario, and his wife Bibiana, on a personal level and hold them in the highest regard. They are truly one of the most exceptional, loyal, trustworthy, and caring families I know, and I am lucky to call them my friends. I look forward to many more years of friendship and wish nothing but the best for Mario, Bibiana, and the entire Murgado family.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Mario Murgado for his continued service to Southern Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

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HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emily Hein of Clive, Iowa for her commitment and enthusiasm as a foreign language student at the University of Rochester.

Emily has been selected for a United States Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study Advanced Chinese in Qingdao, China. This State Department program is an important component of the federal govern-

ment's coordinated effort to expand the number of Americans learning foreign languages and to increase cultural competency.

Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great honor to represent future leaders from Iowa like Emily Hein in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on earning this special scholarship. I wish Ms. Hein continued success in her studies, her travel and all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND
SERVICE OF CITY ADMINIS-
TRATOR JAMES G. SCHARRET TO
THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and service of James G. Scharret, City Administrator for the City of Southfield, who passed away unexpectedly on January 9, 2014.

Mr. Scharret, or Jim as he was known to friends and colleagues, joined the city nearly forty years ago on December 10, 1974, as a research analyst and steadily moved up in the ranks. He became director of management and budget in 1982, deputy city administrator/fiscal services director in November 2004 and acting city administrator in November 2006. He was officially appointed to the post of city administrator in January 2008.

Jim held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. He was well-known for his work ethic, which included being a constant presence in city hall.

As the city administrator, Jim approached his responsibilities with both pride and professionalism. He was particularly mindful of the need for sound fiscal stewardship and took the city's fiscal responsibility very seriously. Under his leadership, Southfield was recognized on many occasions for its sound financial outlook. Of his many accomplishments, Jim was especially proud of leading Southfield through a period of economic difficulty; the city saw its tax base decline by 40 percent but services were maintained without any city employee being laid off.

In addition to running the day to day operations of the city, Jim served on the boards of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Local Development Finance Authority. In each of these roles, he worked hard to further the city's vision of a vibrant and prosperous Southfield—approaching them with the same dedication that has endeared him to Southfield's residents, business leaders and elected officials.

Mr. Speaker, as a former city councilman, I know first-hand how communities benefit from

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